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SUBJECT: CYRPUS: SYG WALDHEIM DISCUSSES TURKISH VAROSHA
OFFER WITH TURKMEN

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1. POLMIN CALLED ON F. T. LIU, DIRECTOR OF BRIAN
URQUHART'S OFFICE, JULY 15 TO GET A RUN-DOWN ON SYG
WALDHEIM'S TALK WITH TURKISH PERMREP TURKMEN EARLIER
THE SAME DAY. LIU SAID THE MEETING, WHICH LASTED
NEARLY AN HOUR, WAS RELAXED AND AMICABLE.

2. WALDHEIM TOLD TURKMEN THAT THE AMERICANS HAD PRO-
VIDED HIM A COPY OF THE TURKISH OFFER ON VAROSHA. HE
SAID THAT, AS IT STANDS, WHILE THE TURKISH INITIATIVE
IS A WELCOME AND SIGNIFICANT INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS
TO WORK POSITIVELY AT THE PROBLEM, THE PROPOSAL IS
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UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SYG. WALDHEIM MENTIONED BOTH PARAS
2 AND 3 OF THE TURKISH PAPER (REFTEL), BUT HE FOCUSED
PRIMARILY ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A SPLIT ADMINISTRATION OF
VAROSHA DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD. HE TOLD TURKMEN
THAT, EVEN IF TURKEY COULD NOT RELINQUISH SOVEREIGNTY
OVER VAROSHA, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CEDE INTERIM
ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY COMPLETELY AND CLEANLY TO

THE UN (UNFICYP).

3. UNLESS TURKEY COULD AGREE TO THIS, WALDHEIM SAID, THE PROPOSAL WAS CERTAIN TO BE REJECTED BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE AND THE RESULT WOULD BE A STEP BACKWARD RATHER THAN FORWARD IN OUR COMMON EFFORTS TO REGENERATE THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS. IF TURKEY WERE WILLING TO REVISE THE PROVISION FOR THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION OF THE AREA, WALDHEIM WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE IT TO THE GREEK SIDE AND WORK FOR AGREEMENT THAT WOULD PERMIT WALDHEIM'S PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROPOSAL.

4. TURKMEN REPORTEDLY SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE TURKISH PROPOSAL AS A SIGNIFICANT MOVE AS IT STANDS, IN LIGHT OF PAST REFUSAL BY TURKEY TO DISCUSS VAROSHA. HE OFFERED NO REACTION TO WALDHEIM'S PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES, BUT PROMISED TO REPORT "FAITHFULLY" AND OBTAIN ANKARA'S RESPONSE. NO TIME FOR THE TURKISH RESPONSE WAS MENTIONED, THOUGH TURKMEN PROMISED IT "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE".

5. POLMIN ASKED LIU WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE U.S. SUPPORTING THE SYG'S POSITION IN ANKARA, SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT DECIDE IT WISHED TO DO SO. LIU SAID THEY WOULD OF COURSE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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